

# County of San Luis Obispo

## Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board



Agricultural Liaison  
Advisory Board (ALAB)

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### Positions/Members/Terms

CHAIR: R. Don Warden

District One: Mecham Appt.  
Dee Lacey, (1/13)

District Two: Gibson Appt.  
Lisen Bonnier (1/11)

District Three: Hill Appt.  
Tom Ikeda (1/13)

District Four: Achadjian Appt.  
Bill Struble (1/11)

District 5: Patterson Appt.  
Christine Maguire (1/09)

Agriculture Finance Rep.  
Mark Pearce (8/10)

Cattlemen Rep.  
Dick Nock

Coastal San Luis RCD Rep.  
Jean-Pierre Wolff (8/11)

Direct Marketing/Organic Rep.  
Eric Michielssen (4/12)

Environmental Rep.  
Anne McMahon (5/11)

Farm Bureau Rep.  
R. Don Warden

Nursery Rep.  
David Pruitt (4/12)

Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD Rep.  
Charles Pritchard (1/10)

Vegetable Rep.  
Richard Quandt (4/12)

Wine Grape Rep.  
Neil Roberts (4/12)

County Agricultural Commissioner  
Bob Lilley, *Ex-Officio*

U.C. Coop. Extension / Farm Advisor  
Mary Bianchi, *Ex-Officio*

## MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 2, 2009

**Guests Present:** None

**Absent Members:** Chuck Pritchard, Christine Maguire, Jean-Pierre Wolff, Eric Michielssen, Richard Quandt

**1. Call to Order:** 6:05 PM. Quorum Present

**2. Open comment:** Joy Fitzhugh received a letter from Syllas Craner, of County Public Works Dept, indicating that the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Management Plan will be suspended until further notice as a result of the State's current financial situation and the suspension of grant funds.

### **3. Member/agency reports**

- Agriculture Department (Bob Lilley)
  - Provided copies of February 17, 2009, Planning Dept. agricultural cluster subdivision staff report prepared for Board of Supervisors. The scope of the authorized work includes exploring revising AGP5 to reduce residential density and AGP20, 21, 22 and 23 to reduce or eliminate the creation of new lots in agricultural areas. The first step in the process will include public outreach and scoping. There will be a 60-90 day review period. A Planning Dept representative will be present during the April 6, 2009, ALAB meeting.
  - Provided copies of updated ALAB Organizational Structure and Operating Guidelines – January 5, 2009 version.

**4. Minutes:** February 2, 2009 Motion – Dee Lacey. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Neil Roberts. Approved: Unanimous. February 20, 2009, Motion – Bill Struble. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tom Ikeda. Approved: Unanimous.

### **5. Review Conservation and Open Space Element (COSE) Revisions: Discussed and finalized ALAB's Recommended Comments on Introduction, Visual Resources and Water Chapters:**

- Mary Bianchi indicated that eliminating agriculture water resources from the COSE may not have desired outcome.
- Concerns were raised regarding agricultural well monitoring

because individual information was not confidential and unlimited access to data as well as private property was a problem. Some members indicated such monitoring is necessary to be able to accurately quantify groundwater resources that need to be protected for agricultural use.

- Motion by Dee Lacey to add Bill Struble and Joy Fitzhugh's recommendations to Water Resources Chapter. Motion - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neil Roberts. Approved: Unanimous. (See Ag Department's website at [www.slocounty.ca.gov/agcomm](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/agcomm) for ALAB's comments submitted to Co. Planning Department).

**6. Review Conservation and Open Space Element Revisions: Discussed and finalized ALAB Recommended Comments on Biological Resources and Soil Resources Chapters and other pages of COSE.**

- Anne McMahon presented subcommittee's Biological Resources Chapter recommendations. Several changes were agreed to by members.
- Motion by Anne McMahon to delete general comments from submittal. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisen Bonnier. Approved: Unanimous. (See Ag Department's website at [www.slocounty.ca.gov/agcomm](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/agcomm) for ALAB's comments submitted to Co. Planning Department).
- Mary Bianchi provided additional information regarding the Soil Resources Chapter subcommittee's work. Members continued to support her direction. Mary will provide final recommendations by deadline.
- All comments will be forwarded by the Ag Dept to Planning Dept on or before March 6, 2009. (See Ag Department's website at [www.slocounty.ca.gov/agcomm](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/agcomm) for ALAB's comments submitted to Co. Planning Department).

**7. Future agenda items**

- Agricultural cluster subdivision changes per Board of Supervisors direction. Scoping and progress report.

Meeting adjourned: 8.40 PM